

Excellence in Recycling Awarded **2015**



Increasing Access Awards

- Successful recycling programs feature convenient access at the local level.

Business Category

Dart Container Corporation

Dart Container Corporation located in Mason provides foam polystyrene recycling services in hundreds of Michigan public schools, 5 state universities and over 30 public drop-off locations in the lower portions of Michigan. Dart transports foam from each drop-off site to its Michigan recycling center for reprocessing. The program reports it is accessible to over 2 million Michigan residents. Increasing Access for difficult to recycle materials is particularly important and for these reasons Dart Container is awarded the business category Increasing Access Award.

<https://www.dartcontainer.com/environment/ps-foam-recycling/>



Institution Category

Michigan State University

Michigan State University is recognized for its recycling rate of 35 percent along with its substantial efforts at developing, promoting, and running a public drop off center for the greater Lansing area. In addition to recycling materials from on campus, residents from over 20 zip codes utilize this location for recycling resulting in over 4 million pounds of recyclables being collected last year. The university also participates in various community recycling events such as Ingham County's Recycle Rama, making Michigan State the winner of the Institution Category Increasing Access Award. Go Green!

<http://recycle.msu.edu/>



Government Category

The City of Detroit

Beginning with a modest pilot recycling program in 2008, the city of Detroit has recently expanded the program and now provides curbside recycling access to over 200,000 households within the city. Partnering with its two contracted solid waste haulers, the city is currently engaged in an aggressive grass roots educational and outreach program including financial assistance in purchasing recycling carts, providing additional educational information in both Spanish and Arabic and offering incentives through the Rewards for Recycling program. Detroit is clearly a leader in Increasing Access and receives the award for the Large Government Category.

<http://www.recyclehere.net/>



The Kent County Department of Public Works

The Kent County Department of Public Works receives special recognition for its efforts to increase access. It opened a state-of-the-art, LEED-certified, single-stream recycling and education center in 2010. Staffed in partnership with Goodwill Industries of Greater Grand Rapids, the facility processed 32,000 tons of materials last year from the West Michigan region and has given over 10,000 tours to children and adults since 2011.

https://www.accesskent.com/Departments/DPW/recycling_center.htm



Jefferson Township

Jefferson Township which operates a recycling drop-off facility that is open to all Hillsdale County residents and functions as a collection site for many communities in the area, receives the Award for Increasing Access for the Small Government category. Jefferson Township is continually working to increase the types of materials they collect and recently expanded to six days of operation a week. Their facility, known for its extraordinary cleanliness, serves as a model for other rural recycling facilities.

<http://www.hillsdalecounty.info/government0020.asp>



City of St. Johns

Recognition goes to the city of St. Johns, for providing a “pay as you throw” program to residents that includes curbside recycling. A 2015 sampling found neighborhoods with 69-100 percent recycling participation rates. Their efforts to Increase Access to recycling are commended.

<http://www.clinton-county.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=u-ajBXWGYXE%3d&tabid=233&mid=695>



NPO Category

The Bay Area Recycling for Charities

The Bay Area Recycling for Charities located in Traverse City provides both residential and commercial recycling, electronic waste and organics services to the Northwest Michigan region. In addition, they provide statewide mattress recycling services with collection points ranging from Ann Arbor to Escanaba. The charitable non-profit group employs 13 full-time staff and routinely donates excess profits to a number of local groups and charities. They receive the NPO Category Award for Increasing Access.

<https://mybarc.org/>

